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#### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RE THE APPLICATION OF: Joseph S. Bieganek, Thomas R. Hetzel and Joan Padgitt

SERIAL NO. 10/628,890 DATE FILED: July 28, 2003

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING CLEARANCE FROM A CONTOURED SEAT CUSHION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IS AN AMENDMENT IN THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION

[X] Preliminary Amendment

FILING FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:

|   | (COL. 1)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING |   | (COL. 2)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY | (COL. 3)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | SMALL ENTITY |                   |           | LARGE ENTITY |                   |
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| INDEP:  | 1*                              | - | 3                                     | 0***                         | X \$43 =     | \$0.00            | OR        | X \$86 =     | \$0.00            |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS |                                 |   |                                       | + \$145 =                    |              | OR                | + \$290 = |              |                   |
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  - [X] ANY FILING FEES UNDER 37 CFR 1.16 FOR THE PRESENTATION OF EXTRA CLAIMS.
  - [X] ANY PATENT APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES UNDER 37 CFR 1.17.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application in the following manner:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs at page 1, lines 5-15; page 3, lines 11-21; page 5, lines 1-18; page 9, lines 15-26; page 11, lines 20-29; and page 18, line 28 through page 19, line 12, into the form shown in Part 1 of this Preliminary Amendment. REMARKS

Certain comments concerning these amendments are presented in Part 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.